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My dear Sir

I very much wish that I  
had applied to you sooner  
but I was not aware how  
little the printed authorities  
are to be relied upon, & too fre-  
quently took their statements  
on trust. I shall however as  
the work proceeds, not scruple  
to consult you as difficulties  
arise. Mr Hunter has only  
seen the portion of the Diary  
printed before, he could not  
consequently furnish notes for  
the new matters. & Mr Holmes  
who occasionally sees the MSS  
& has suggested valuable illus-  
trations, is too much occupied  
to give much time to Pepsys,  
tho' he has the British Museum  
books to refer to, which have



rendered good service.

Your account of D.D. is  
very satisfactory & ~~just~~ in  
time. how odd it seems  
that a play which went through  
so many editions should have  
been unnoticed by Langbaine &c

I am trying to make the  
new edition as complete as I  
can, but with constant interrup-  
tions & numerous other occupa-  
tions, & without a first rate library  
I sometimes am at fault, &  
it is more difficult to identify  
men & books than any person  
unacquainted with such under-  
takings may imagine

This however does not apply  
to you who are always working  
so hard in the cause of liter-  
ature

I have just been turning



over your "Stationers Register"  
which seem full of interesting,  
& to me, new matter.

May I mention one trifling  
error, — <sup>page 2;</sup> Margaret Duchess of  
Suffolk, whose Epitaph I should  
much like to see if it could be  
found, was the daughter &  
sole heir of Lord Chancellor  
Audley & 2d wife of Thomas  
4th Duke of N, who surviving  
a 3d wife also was beheaded  
5/11/1672. Margaret Audley  
died in 1563 & was buried at  
Framlingham; & Audley End was  
inherited by her eldest son Lord  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Howard afterwards Earl of  
Suffolk. I have her portrait  
here. The 4th Duke succeeded  
his grandfather & was son to the  
Earl of Surrey

Believe me

My dear Sir  
Yours truly,

Braybrooke



